

## Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 SANA 00763 231423Z

ACTION NEA-07

INFO OCT-01 SS-14 ISO-00 AF-04 EUR-08 NSC-05 NSCE-00 SP-02

INR-05 CIAE-00 PM-03 DODE-00 /049 W

-----231503 012042 /46

R 231346Z FEB 77

FM AMEMBASSY SANA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 0494

INFO AMEMBASSY JIDDA

AMEMBASSY KHARTOUM

AMEMBASSY LONDON

C O N F I D E N T I A L SANA 0763

LIMDIS

E. O. 11652 GDS

TAGS: PFOR, YS, SA

SUBJ: RELATIONS WITH PDRY

REF: JIDDA 1356

1. DURING RIYADH DINNER IN HONOR OF SECRETARY VANCE ON FEBRUARY 19, I HAD A CHAT WITH DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER MANSOURI WHO SAT NEXT TO ME. MANSOURI ASKED ME FOR MY ASSESSMENT OF THE SITUATION IN PDRY WHICH I PROCEEDED TO GIVE HIM, STATING INTER ALIA: (A) STRONG MARXIST COMMUNIST PRESENCE IN RETIME, (B) WISDOM OF CURRENT SAUDI POLICY TO TRY TO MAKE CONTACT WITH MODERATE ELEMENTS IN THE REGIME AND IN PDRY, AND (C) MY VIEW THAT US SHOULD PLAY BACKSTOPPING ROLE OF SAUDI ARABIA IN PDRY AS HAD BEEN DONE IN NORTH YEMEN AT SUCH TIME AS BOTH SAUDI ARABIA AND USG DECIDE IT IS APPROPRIATE FOR USG TO DO SO.

2. MANSOURI NOTED THAT THUS FAR USG HAS APPEARED RELUCTANT TO RESUME RELATIONS WITH PDRY. I REPLIED THAT ON THE CONTRARY OVER A YEAR AGO THERE HAD BEEN USG/PDRY  
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 SANA 00763 231423Z

CONTACTS BUT WE HAD DECIDED AFTER CONSULTATIONS WITH SAUDI ARABIA TO HOLD OFF DEVELOPING THRESE CONTACTS UNTIL SUCH TIME AS SAUDI ARABIA THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE A GOOD IDEA FOR US TO MOVE. I CONTINUED THAT I THOUGHT NOW MIGHTBE SUCH A TIME FOR USG AND SAUDIARABIA TO RECONSIDER SITUATION. HE REPLIED THAT MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE STUDIED FURTHER.

3. COMMENT: I WAS PUZZLED WHEN I GOT BACK TO SAND AND  
READ JIDDA REFTEL. MANSUORI CLEARLY PUT RESPON-  
BILITY ON US FOR NOT MOVING TOWARD NEW DIPLOMATIC  
RELATIONS WITH PDRY. HE POSED NO RPT  
NO SAUDI OBJECTION. IF DEPARTMENT DECIDES IT'S WORTH  
TRYING FOR NEW RELATIONS, PERHAPS MATTER WOULD BE RAISED  
WITH MANSOURI AGAIN OR WITH SAUD, WHO WAS PREVIOUSLY OUR  
INTERLOCUTOR ON SUBJECT.  
SCOTES

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

## Message Attributes

**Automatic Decaptioning:** Z  
**Capture Date:** 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am  
**Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Current Classification:** UNCLASSIFIED  
**Concepts:** FOREIGN RELATIONS, DIPLOMATIC DISCUSSIONS  
**Control Number:** n/a  
**Copy:** SINGLE  
**Sent Date:** 23-Feb-1977 12:00:00 am  
**Decaption Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Decaption Note:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Action:** RELEASED  
**Disposition Approved on Date:**  
**Disposition Case Number:** n/a  
**Disposition Comment:** 25 YEAR REVIEW  
**Disposition Date:** 22 May 2009  
**Disposition Event:**  
**Disposition History:** n/a  
**Disposition Reason:**  
**Disposition Remarks:**  
**Document Number:** 1977SANA00763  
**Document Source:** CORE  
**Document Unique ID:** 00  
**Drafter:** n/a  
**Enclosure:** n/a  
**Executive Order:** GS  
**Errors:** N/A  
**Expiration:**  
**Film Number:** D770062-1028  
**Format:** TEL  
**From:** SANA  
**Handling Restrictions:**  
**Image Path:**  
**ISecure:** 1  
**Legacy Key:** link1977/newtext/t19770217/aaaaapbl.tel  
**Line Count:** 72  
**Litigation Code IDs:**  
**Litigation Codes:**  
**Litigation History:**  
**Locator:** TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM  
**Message ID:** c52661c0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Office:** ACTION NEA  
**Original Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Original Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Original Previous Classification:** n/a  
**Original Previous Handling Restrictions:** n/a  
**Page Count:** 2  
**Previous Channel Indicators:** n/a  
**Previous Classification:** CONFIDENTIAL  
**Previous Handling Restrictions:** LIMDIS  
**Reference:** 77 JIDDA 1356  
**Retention:** 0  
**Review Action:** RELEASED, APPROVED  
**Review Content Flags:**  
**Review Date:** 09-Feb-2005 12:00:00 am  
**Review Event:**  
**Review Exemptions:** n/a  
**Review Media Identifier:**  
**Review Release Date:** n/a  
**Review Release Event:** n/a  
**Review Transfer Date:**  
**Review Withdrawn Fields:** n/a  
**SAS ID:** 3252037  
**Secure:** OPEN  
**Status:** NATIVE  
**Subject:** RELATIONS WITH PDRY  
**TAGS:** PFOR, YS, SA, YE  
**To:** STATE  
**Type:** TE  
**vdkgvwkey:** odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS\_Docs/c52661c0-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc  
**Review Markings:**  
Margaret P. Grafeld  
Declassified/Released  
US Department of State  
EO Systematic Review  
22 May 2009  
**Markings:** Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009